

MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP

Success Stories from the Field

APW Wyott Food Service Equipment Co

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APW Wyott Food Service Equipment Company Introduces New Products

Client Profile:

APW Wyott Food Service Equipment Company provides food service equipment for fast food and other commercial restaurants. The company employs 250 people at its facility in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Situation:

APW Wyott was experiencing inefficiencies, decreased productivity, and the need to develop new product lines. The company had previously worked with Manufacturing-Works, a NIST MEP network affiliate, in the areas of energy management and waste abatement, and once again contacted Manufacturing-Works for help.

Solution:

Manufacturing-Works provided training in the principles of Lean through Lean 101 to increase awareness of Lean concepts. The initial training was followed by the application of Value Stream Mapping (VSM) applied primarily to infrastructure changes that could be made to introduce new product lines to the shop floor. With the VSM techniques in place, APW Wyott was able to successfully introduce a new industrial griddle with a redesigned assembly and manufacturing process. APW Wyott has twelve new product lines scheduled based on VSM revisions to the floor.

Results:

- * Realized \$150,000 in cost savings.
- * Created 1 new job.

Testimonial:

"Manufacturing-Works has consistently added value to our company. The VSM model training allowed us to move to the next level of application and assures us an 'in-house' tool that can be utilized over and over again as we continue our growth and success in the food equipment industry."

Jim Humphrey, Plant Superintendent